



IN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BEFORE THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kallas, Ryan David )  
Serial No: 10/698,738 ) Group No.:3632  
Filed: 10/30/2003 ) Examiner: Wood, Kimberly T  
For: Umbrella Holder )

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

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**ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2005,  
please elect the following species for prosecution:

A petition and fee for a one month extension of time is  
attached hereto.

1. Applicant elects to prosecute Group A1, the shaft  
having telescoping segments; B1, the pivoting lever with

ring; C2, without the tripod; D2, without the cover; and E1, with clip only.

As the Examiner did not specify which claims each group appertains to, exactly which claims remain for prosecution are not clear.

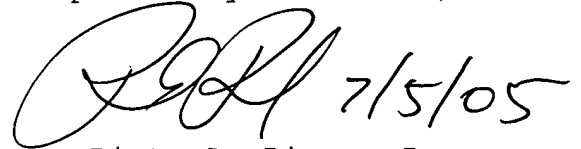
Additionally, is not clear as to what element, in particular, is being referred to by the "clamp", as stated by the Examiner in the election of Group E2 and E3, as this term was not found during a detailed search of the text of the specification. Accordingly, the applicant is uncertain as to what is being elected and therefore, this election must be made with traverse. Clarification is respectfully requested.

Also, an election of species is believed to be consistent with normal prosecution practice and therefore appropriate when the various claimed combinations of elements require additional searching by the Examiner and appertain to "different" potential inventions. Is the Examiner asserting that is the present situation and that prior art appertaining to one particular Group does not need to be found or cited as prior art against the remaining portion of the claims now being considered? If this is not

the situation, then for what useful purpose is the instant election of species required?

2. No change in inventorship has occurred.

Respectfully submitted,



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